

News in Brief

William McAvey, an old-time actor, died at his home in Roxbury, Mass., at the age of 67 years.

In the hurricane that struck Honduras, many interests suffered greatly, thousands of valued logs being washed out to sea.

The board of trustees unanimously elected Herbert L. Stetson, now president of Kalamazoo college, Kalamazoo, Mich., as president of Des Moines college.

While a fire was blazing in the basement of the Sisters of Mercy convent in Chicago, more than 200 girls marched out in good order and there were no fatalities.

Governor Bailey has received a letter from Prof. W. C. Wilcox, of Iowa stating that he didn't say the people of western Kansas were all crazy part of the time.

At Rawlins, Wyoming, the colored woman who gave her husband a severe beating, using a rifle with which she fractured his skull, pleaded guilty and paid her fine.

Louis Harmon, one of the trio of robbers who murdered George Geyer, a farmer, near Alton, O., more than a year ago, was electrocuted in the annex at the Ohio penitentiary.

Tommy Ryan, middleweight champion of the world, knocked out Tommy Wallace of Philadelphia in the fifth round of a bout scheduled to go ten rounds, at Benton Harbor, Mich.

A large number of Japanese army reserve men residing in Honolulu have received notification by cable from the military authorities in Japan calling them home for army service.

The state of Nevada filed a claim against the United States in the United States court of claims for \$470,474 advanced in aid of the federal government during the civil war.

While resisting an attempt to rob him as he sat in his place of business, William H. Kneeling, a saloon keeper, at 3300 Princeton avenue, Chicago, was shot and died in a few minutes.

Jose Marinda, a Porto Rican, who was taken to Honolulu as a plantation laborer, was hanged there for the murder on the night of September 26 of the well known banker, S. E. Damon.

The Fore River Ship Building company announced that the United States battleship New Jersey, under construction at the company's yards at Quincy, Mass., will be launched November 10.

Paul Godard, a French expert in precious stones, jumped from one of the approaches of the new Williamsburg (N. Y.) bridge and was dashed to death on the stone pavement, 125 feet below.

Captain J. G. Mohler, a pioneer of Kansas and prominent attorney, is dead at Salina, Kan. Captain Mohler was the attorney for the Cheyenne Indians who were tried for murder and acquitted in 1874.

A new Russian loan of \$270,000,000, according to the Brussels correspondent of the Standard, has virtually been concluded. The first portion of this loan, \$70,000,000, is expected, will be issued in January.

The Illinois Central railway sent to the chief of police of St. Louis a check for \$750 to defray the funeral expenses of Detectives Shea, Dwyer and McClusky, who were killed in a battle with alleged train robbers.

The peace treaty between Chile and Bolivia, which has just been signed, will be submitted to congress during the present session. One of the principal clauses declares that Bolivia renounces a port on the Pacific.

Burglars entered the home of Court Second, at Arkansas City, Kansas, and robbed it of \$1,900 worth of jewelry and silverware. Second is a Santa Fe engineer and was out on the road.

President Loubet gave a dinner in honor of King George of Greece, who is now visiting Paris. The president had on his right Lady Monson, wife of the British ambassador, and on his left Mme. Nelidoff, wife of the Russian ambassador.

President Roosevelt has directed the appointment of Mrs. James Longstreet to be postmaster at Gainesville, Ga., to succeed Colonel Henry P. Barrow, removed, on the report of an inspector that Colonel Barrow is not a resident of the community in which the postoffice is situated. Mrs. Longstreet is the widow of General James Longstreet, of the Confederate army.

Col. Anthony, the Kansas pioneer editor, is so seriously ill that he is hardly expected to survive.

Dispatches received in London from various points report a rather severe earthquake and much damage to property throughout Scandinavia and Denmark.

Murat Halstead, the veteran journalist of Cincinnati, has been elected president of the American Newsboys' company, which was organized to publish the American Newsboys' Magazine. He also has been chosen editor of the magazine.

BATTLE EXPECTED

MOVEMENT AT THE FRONT INDICATE READINESS.

ONLY SKIRMISHES AT PRESENT

A Decided Engagement Was That at Buddhist Temple Hill—The Third General Attack on Port Arthur Began Oct. 24.

ST. PETERSBURG—The military situation has not developed anything of great importance, although the fight at the Buddhist Temple hill on October 27 appears to have been a decidedly heavy engagement. It probably indicates that final moves on both sides are now occurring preparatory to another long and serious battle.

Viceroy Alexieff is now on the way to St. Petersburg. The nature of his reception here is the food for much speculation. Some of his friends still cling to the idea that he will be made chancellor of the empire, with his residence in the Winter palace, where, it is said, a suite of apartments has already been prepared for him. On the other hand, many declare that his political career is practically over and that his reception at St. Petersburg, while officially cordial, will mark the end of his political ascendancy. It is rumored that the viceroyalty of the Caucasus will be revived for his special benefit, which would constitute a complimentary and comfortable sort of exile.

General Kourpatkin has telegraphed as follows, under date of October 29: "I have received today no dispatch reporting encounters with the enemy. During a cavalry reconnaissance yesterday, after an infantry fight supported by artillery, we occupied the village of Chintanshenan. The enemy has retired from Sindapu. On October 28 our chausseurs, with insignificant losses, retained a village a kilometer west of Chenlanpu against a violent Japanese bombardment."

General Kourpatkin also records other outpost affairs, including the Russian re-occupation of the village of Tynsin, a short distance south of Luidzlatung, whence they had been previously expelled by the Japanese, who burned the village.

CHEFOO—The third general attack on Port Arthur began October 24, according to unimpeachable authority. On October 26 Japanese shells set fire to the only smokeless powder magazine in Port Arthur. Portions of the town caught fire and the conflagration continued the whole day. On October 26 the Japanese captured the Russian trenches on the slope of Rihlung mountain, also a fortified position protecting that fortress. The Japanese consider the progress of the siege to be highly satisfactory.

COMPILATION OF INDIAN LAWS.

Two Volumes of 1,200 Pages Each Fully Indexed.

WASHINGTON—A revised edition of the compilation of the laws and treaties relating to Indian affairs, compiled and edited under direction of congress by Charles J. Kappler, chief clerk of the United States senate committee on Indian affairs, has been issued by the government printing office. This compilation is embraced in two quarto volumes of 1,200 pages each, and contains all treaties ever made with the Indian tribes and all laws relating to the various Indians enacted by congress up to the present time, together with executive orders creating reservations, proclamations, statistics, trust funds, etc. The revised edition includes the signatures to the treaties, many treaties that were heretofore unobtainable and other useful information. Each volume is fully indexed, making research easy. The statutes at large is followed in its makeup. The compilation of the Indian treaties and laws has been recommended for many years by the secretary of the interior, commissioner of Indian affairs and both Indian commissions of congress.

Two Queens Worked for Peace. COPENHAGEN—The Associated Press learns that the North sea affair caused the deepest anxiety to King Christian of Denmark, who declared that, should an Anglo-Russian war result, it would be the cause of his death. The dowager empress of Russia promised her father, the king, to use her greatest efforts to prevent a conflict. It is stated that hundreds of dispatches were exchanged between the dowager empress and the queen of Great Britain during the week just passed.

Drops Dead at Political Meeting. MILWAUKEE, Wis.—A Sentinel special from Baraboo, Wis., says: Former County Treasurer Archie Christie dropped dead at the feet of Governor La Follette on the platform of the local hall in which the governor spoke just as he was about to grasp the hand of the executive in congratulation at the conclusion of his address.

Parker Ready for Speaking Trip. ESOPUS, N. Y.—Judge Alton B. Parker will start for New York at noon Monday to begin his speaking campaign. He spent a quiet Sunday. He attended church at Kingston, accompanied by George F. Parker, chairman of the literary bureau of the democratic national committee, who has been a guest at Rosemount since Friday and who will go to New York with the judge Monday. The candidate has practically completed the preparation of the speeches he will make this week.

NOTE TO RUSSIA.

British Government Demands Apology For Attack.

LONDON—Great Britain has sent a long and urgent note to the Russian government, officially detailing the circumstances of the amazing and unexplained attack by the Russian second Pacific squadron during the night of October 21 on British fishing boats in the North sea. The text of the note has not been given out, but it is officially stated from the foreign office that it contains the significant announcement that the situation is one which, in the opinion of his majesty's government, does not brook delay.

Meanwhile the conservative public and press are remarkably undemonstrative. As usual the jingo element, democrats and even some officials go so far as to say that it may be necessary to stop the Pacific fleet pending settlement of the whole affair, though this extreme measure, it is believed, will not be necessary. Everywhere there is evidence of the very positive opinion that this is no time for the usual diplomatic dilly-dallying; that there must be no delay and no limit set by Russia to its apology or the extent of compensation for sufferers by what King Edward himself terms "the unwarrantable action" of the Baltic squadron commanders.

The king sent the following message of sympathy to the mayor of Hull:

"From Francis Knollys, Buckingham Palace, Oct. 24, 1904.—To His Worship, the Mayor of Hull: The king commands me to say that he has heard with profound sorrow of the unwarrantable action which has been committed against the North sea fishing fleet and asks you to express the deepest sympathy of the queen and his majesty with the families of those who have suffered from this most lamentable occurrence."

"KNOLLYS." (Francis Knollys, baron of Faversham, is the private secretary of King Edward.)

The deep resentment of the whole British public, however, is reflected by the incident at the Victoria station Monday night on the arrival of Count Benckendorff from the continent. There is no attempt anywhere among men of responsibility to magnify the occurrence into a deliberate act of war, but in view of the present inability to find an explanation there is being poured upon the heads of the officers of the squadron a flood of invective and insinuation, though incompetence first and thereafter complete panic is the most generally accepted explanation. Thus far no official word has been received from St. Petersburg as to the attitude of the Russian government.

The fact that it had been decided during the day to prepare a semi-official note expressing the regret of the Russian government and its willingness to make full reparation so soon as the responsibility was fixed was communicated by the Associated Press to Lord Lansdowne and was the first information on the subject he had received from St. Petersburg.

RELIEVES TENSION IN PARIS.

Thinks British Coolness is Giving Way to Excess.

PARIS—The news from London late Friday evening that the Anglo-Russian trouble had been put in the way of settlement by adoption of the principle of reference to a committee of inquiry, in connection with the lines laid down by The Hague conference, has relieved the tension which has been felt the last few days. The sentiment of the public and press in regard to the North sea incident has undergone a change since Thursday. It was then in favor of Great Britain. The dominant note Friday is criticism of Great Britain's precipitancy. The Gauls refer to the "impatient British effervescence," and the Figaro says the real situation did not warrant the alarmist British reports.

The Echo de Paris comments sarcastically on the "ultimatums" issued by the British press and declares that British dignity and coolness are giving way to excess.

The view continues to prevail that Great Britain has right on her side, but she was likely to lose this position of vantage by the imperativeness of her attitude toward Russia. The tone of the evening papers was much more optimistic.

Yellow Fever in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY—There are six cases of yellow fever at Texistepe. There are in all twenty-four patients. The last patient has left the hospital at Teahuetepec. Merida reports two new cases and Santa Cruz four new cases.

Torpedo Boats Put to Sea.

TANGIER—Five Russian torpedo boat destroyers have put to sea. The remainder of the fleet has been coaling and provisioning all day.

Ranchman Disappears.

STURGIS, S. D.—Word has been received here of the disappearance of James Garrett, a resident of the Cave Hills country. It seems Garrett had gone out to place some poison for wolves. The horse he rode is said to have come home to the ranch with a bullet hole through the saddle. This has led the people of that vicinity to believe that he has been murdered. A large number of men have been scouring the country for the man, but at last accounts he had not been found, nor any trace of him.

A MINE DISASTER

BETWEEN THIRTY AND SIXTY MEN LOSE THEIR LIVES.

FIRE FOLLOWS THE ERUPTION

Great Timbers and Rocks Thrown from the Mouth of the Mine—No Hope of Rescuing Any of the Entombed Miners.

TRINIDAD, Colo.—A terrific explosion occurred at mine No. 3 of the Rocky Mountain Fuel and Iron company at Terolo, forty miles due west of Trinidad, at 1:30 Friday afternoon and the number of dead is variously placed between thirty and sixty men. The number reported as having gone into the mine in the morning was seventeen miners and four company men. In the afternoon many more miners are known to have gone into the mine and the exact number of dead may never be known, as the mine is burning and in all likelihood the bodies will be cremated.

A large number of mine officials left here as soon as word of the accident was received. Company doctors were picked up all along the line, as well as all other available physicians.

United States Government Stock Inspector F. J. Foreman was at the Terolo when the explosion occurred. He returned her last night and gives the following account of the affair:

"I was standing not more than 300 yards from the mouth of the tunnel when the explosion occurred. The explosion was preceded by a low rumbling sound resembling an earthquake, which made the earth tremble and startled the whole camp."

"I looked toward the mine and out of the mouth of the tunnel and the two air shafts came great volumes of smoke and dust, which continued for nearly a minute. Out of the two air shafts, each of which are seven feet in diameter, timbers that were fully two to three feet in diameter were shot into the air and broken into splinters. Rocks were thrown over the camp for a distance of a quarter of a mile. In fact, it rained rock, broken timbers and all kinds of debris, for fully a minute and many people were injured by being struck with these missiles."

"Immediately after the explosion, which was for all the world like a volcanic eruption, the wildest excitement ensued. Women, men and children rushed to the mouth of the tunnel and women whose husbands were in the mine had to be brought away by miners to keep them from being killed by deadly fumes coming from the mouth of the tunnel."

The mine works eighty men and it is believed that sixty men were in the mine at the time.

News of the explosion brought assistance from the adjacent camps and hundreds of men are trying to get into the mine. Deadly fumes overcome the rescuers frequently, but their places are immediately taken by others ready possible that anyone in the mine can escape death, if they are not all dead already.

GREAT CROP OF POTATOES.

Yield This Year Estimated at 8,774,245 Bushels.

OMAHA—The Union Pacific has just issued an agricultural bulletin dealing with the potato crop of Nebraska for 1904. The bulletin shows that the average of Nebraska's potato yield 5,523,767 bushels. The acreage this year is estimated at 74,552.

The bulletin adds: "It will be seen that a material increase has taken place in the acreage planted to potatoes. It would seem that Nebraska can successfully engage in potato raising for commercial reasons. When one reflects that the total acreage this year is about one-third the area of the smallest county in the state it is evident that potato raising is very profitable. The western portions of the state will produce potatoes in great abundance if the climatic conditions prevalent for the last four years continue."

An estimate by counties of the 1904 yield is then given and the total yield is estimated at 8,774,245 bushels.

NEBRASKA DAY AT THE FAIR.

One Thousand Residents of State Take Part in Ceremonies at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS—Headed by Governor J. H. Mickey, 1,000 Nebraskans celebrated "Nebraska day" at the World's fair on Tuesday. The formal ceremonies took place in Festival hall. Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska offered the invocation. Addresses were made by President Francis of the exposition, Governor Mickey, Hon. John Lee Webster of Omaha and G. W. Wattles of Omaha, president of the State World's Fair commission.

M. S. Phillips Drops Dead.

CHICAGO—While listening to the pitiful tale of a deserted wife Myron S. Phillips, a real estate dealer, dropped dead Friday in the grand jury room. He was serving as a member of the October grand jury and had been an attentive listener while the woman testified. As he rose from his chair to demand the husband's indictment for abandonment, he fell to the floor unconscious and died three minutes later. Heart disease was the cause. Phillips came to Chicago in 1892 from Hebron, Neb.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

THE STATE AT LARGE.

The parishoners of Rev. Smith at Bradshaw surprised that gentleman by sailing on him in goodly numbers, each one bringing some article suitable for the preacher's larder.

D. J. Kimmerly was badly injured in a runaway accident in Beatrice by being thrown from his wagon on to the pavement. He is 70 years of age and will be confined to his home for some time because of his injuries.

Orville Bateman, 12-year-old son of J. R. Bateman, of Stella, accidentally discharged a shotgun, blowing his entire left hand off and shattering the bones so that it was necessary to amputate the arm a couple of inches below the elbow. The accident occurred while the young man was out hunting.

Will Moore and James Daggett, who live fourteen miles southwest of Clearwater, were out hunting and the team which they were driving jumped just as Daggett was getting into the wagon, causing him to drop his gun. Both barrels were discharged into the right leg, just above the ankle. The leg will be saved.

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the ladies hall of the Grand Island college was observed by the faculty, students and friends of that institution, the contents of the cornerstone being issues of the college paper containing a history of the institution, articles of incorporation of the college, etc. The hall will cost \$20,000.

Charles Wells, a farmer living three miles from Fairbury, committed suicide. He left the house during the night and not being able to find him in the morning his wife called in the neighbors at daybreak and they found him hanging in the barn loft. He was in good financial circumstances and his domestic relations were harmonious, so no reason is known for his act.

Copies of the new manual and the regulations provided for the new magazine rifle have just been received from the war department by the adjutant general, and the Nebraska national guard will hereafter be drilled under the new rules. The regimental and battalion movements are much simplified and the new regulations are much more condensed than the old ones.

Detective Malone of the Burlington has returned from Colorado, where he succeeded in causing the arrest of three persons, who gave their names as J. M. Harris, an ex-convict; Charles Mock, also an ex-convict, and Earl Bush, 16 years old. They have all been bound over to the district court in Akron, Colo. Bush made a confession, naming the towns where they had stolen merchandise from the cars.

Brakeman L. W. Hansen of Emerson owes his life to luck. Beneath the wheels of his freight train on the Omaha road he was nearly ground to death in the switching yards at Norfolk. Tossed headlong from the top of a moving car by the sudden setting of the air, his body lit beneath the trucks and was churned for some distance, being shoved along by the guards and kept by them from the wheels. His injuries are serious but he will recover.

A committee of dentists representing various dental organizations over the state met in Lincoln and formulated a bill which, if it passes an examination by competent lawyers, will be presented to the next legislature for passage. The bill is based on the law now in force in California and one of the purposes of it is to raise the standard of the profession in the state. The provisions of the California law are said to be the strictest of any state in the union.

Albert Abrahamson, a bachelor farmer 50 years of age, living twelve miles northwest of Shelton, was robbed of money and securities to the amount of \$1,250. A trunk in which he kept the valuables had been taken from the house, carried to a corn field and broken open.

At a meeting held in Shelton which was attended by representatives of the independent telephone companies of that part of the state the Central Nebraska Toll association was organized. The object of the organization is to arrange for toll rates over the various independent lines.

Willie, the 14-year-old son of D. C. Fender, section foreman of the North-western railway at Battle Creek, was the victim of a shooting accident. He had been out hunting and when crossing the railroad bridge west of town his gun, which he was carrying in the left hand, barrel up, slipped between the ties of the bridge, the hammer striking a tie and discharging the gun, the full charge taking effect in the left hand and the left side of the chest and head. He is badly injured, but may recover.

The Ashland Light, Mill & Power company has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$15,000. The incorporators are C. H. Brown, R. E. Brown, J. C. Ralsback and F. K. White.

The farm home of George Halmas, located five miles northwest of Plattsmouth, was burned to the ground. The fire originated in one of the upper rooms of the building, and is supposed to have started from a defective flue.

Fred Grigsley of Seward county was severely injured by being thrown from a load of hay.

MORE SUGAR THAN BEFORE.

Factory at Ames Making New Record This Season.

FREMONT—The Standard Beet Sugar company at Leavitt will make more sugar this season than in any previous year, and on account of the high test of the beets, at a less expense than in previous years. It is estimated that 50,000 tons will go through before the season ends, and 6,500 tons of sugar manufactured. The beets are testing an average of 15 per cent and from eight and one-half to nine tons to the acre. The company pays a flat price this year, \$4.75 and \$5.25, the latter for sliced beets. All the beets raised around here are delivered direct to the factory, but some from the western country will be sliced and delivered in December. Last week 288 tons were run through the factory, which is above the average, which is about 500 tons for each twenty-four hours. This average cannot be maintained, as the factory has to partially shut down for a "clean-up" once in ten days.

The company has succeeded in saving a higher percentage of sugar this season, the estimated amount being better than last year, which was 261.23 pounds of granulated sugar per ton. The first season it was only 204. This year it will probably reach 265, and as the expense of operation will be less on account of the high percentage of sugar, the net profit per ton will be much larger than in any previous season. The amount paid out for beets will not be far from \$245,000.

NEW RULING ON INSURANCE.

Attorney General Prout Hands Down Decision.

LINCOLN.—Nebraska insurance companies must reinsure their risks only in companies licensed to do business in the state. Attorney General Prout has issued an opinion, wherein he states that insurers transacting business in this state shall, according to statute, make a sworn statement that they will not insure any property whatever in any manner "except under a policy, which shall be regularly issued and duly countersigned by its legally authorized agent, resident within the county or state where such property is situated, such agent being duly licensed by the auditor or state insurance commissioner."

The attorney general intimates further that the legislature intended to bring insurers within the jurisdiction of the state and to require them to pay fees for the privilege of reinsuring risks. He thinks that a company authorized to transact business in Nebraska has no authority to reinsure the companies not so authorized. This makes it necessary, in compliance with the foregoing opinion, for all companies issuing policies of reinsurance on Nebraska risks to be regularly admitted to transact business in this state; also that all policies of reinsurance be signed by some regularly licensed agent in the state.

Treasurers Are Liable.

LINCOLN.—Attorney General Prout has handed down an opinion to the effect that county treasurers are liable for the non-collection or return of distress warrants forwarded to them by other county treasurers for collection. The county clerk of Gosper county had sent in the query as to whether county treasurers to whom the county treasurer of Gosper county had issued distress warrants were liable for the collection or false return of the same. Passages from the law governing tax collections are quoted in the attorney general's opinion.

Wolf Bounty Claim Void.

Parties holding wolf bounty claims against the state that were rejected by Auditor Weston because they had not been filed in his office within two years of their date, will not get their money. The supreme court decided this in the case brought up from the Lancaster county district court where in the Lincoln Safe and Trust company sued Auditor Weston for the value of claims that he had rejected.

Sentenced for Highway Robbery.

PAPILLION.—In the district court in the case of Erve Hike and James Dillon Hike, having been found guilty of highway robbery, the attorney for the defense advised his client to plead guilty, which he did. Judge Sutton sentenced him—Hike to four years and Dillon to three years in the penitentiary.

Osecola has the opportunity to get a park in the heart of the city, for Dr. Smith of Cedar Rapids, Ia., who is a large land owner in the county, as well as in Osecola, has offered to give the village a whole block of land, 300 feet square, for a park.

Against Home Co-operative.

The supreme court has sustained the validity of the act giving the state banking board control over installment investment companies and has given judgment of ouster against the Northwestern Trust company of Omaha, a corporation that sought to continue business without authority from the state banking board. This company, operating on the home co-operative plan, refused to comply with the act passed by the legislature two years ago, and Attorney General Prout began action.